Dear Jim,

6/21/74

When we spoke, our conversation ending a few minutes ago and my watch now showing 6:15, I told you I would be writing and asking you to save the envelope with the postmark to date the writing for possible later use.

I then reminded you that the moment I opened the envelope and saw Rhoads hadsent me the 1/27/64 transcript I knew there had to be a fishy deal up and that the most likely probabilities were a) to use me because it couldn't be avoided for an ulterior purpose and that this purpose probably had a Watergate connection.

You also remembered that when you and Bud read this Sunday I told you before you did and after I had read it, as I believe I also told you when I phoned you after I did read it, that I could see specific Watergate uses, to help the Nixon people Nixon wants to defend and I believe must.

I do not recall whether you and/or Bud agreed or expressed a disagreement.

After reading today's Post's story on the Ehrlichman motion filed yesterday I am more convinced that my initial hunch and later analysis are correct and that this is intended for use to help Ehrlichman at least.

From this and what we have discussed earlier, I think you can understand the reason I am writing this, to date the times at which I gave you an opinion and to do that in writing in a way you can date, by the post mark. Of course we have only one mail a day so this can't be postmarked until tomorrow if the postman doesn't forget to stop.

You will remember that beginning a week ago I began saying that with this situation we must forgo some of the things we had planned, one in particular on my initiative, and, as I think I said, "Let it cool" or "Play to cool." I want to re-emphasize that now. If I am correct, I think it is important to let this characters expose themselves without hindrance for us. I am on record in a letter to Rhoads of which a copy is enclosed.

We may not have to make any kind of move but if the thing does not go as I believe possible we can later. The Ehrlichman case is before the same judge, Gesell, and if he does not remember this case, 2502-73, he just won't remember any. I think the whole ploy will be apparent to him.

After he recognizes it on his own will be our time.

So, keep the faith, baby. And the cool. And the postmark.

Meanwhile, congratulations on how it went in Memphis.

Sincerely,

Carol Hallsberg